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### California Environmental Protection Agency

#### **Administrative Cleanup Regulations**

Cal/EPA filed proposed regulations to cleanup and rearrange language in CCR Title 27 for the Unified Program. The regulations are administrative in nature and do not impose any new reporting requirements. The package is online on the Cal/EPA web site under Laws/Regulations and also at the Unified Program web site in the News block. The public comment period ends on February 19. Interested parties can subscribe to the Listserv for this proposed regulation to get all updates at the same site. For more information, see the web site or contact Mary Wilson at [mwilson@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:mwilson@calepa.ca.gov) or (916)445-5049.

#### **Forms and Data Dictionary Regulations**

Cal/EPA is preparing to file proposed regulations modifying a number of CUPA to State reporting forms, Business to CUPA reporting forms, and the underlying data dictionary. The regulations are expected to be filed in mid-March this year. When filed, the package will be online on the Cal/EPA web site under Laws/Regulations and also at the Unified Program web site in the News block. Interested parties will be able to subscribe to the Listserv for this proposed regulation to get all updates at the same site. For more information, see the web site or contact Loretta Sylve at [lsylve@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:lsylve@calepa.ca.gov) or (916) 327-9558.

#### **Training – Introduction to Environmental Enforcement**

This scenario-driven course will focus on the process of enforcement within the regulatory system. It will introduce you to environmental crimes enforcement as an effective tool, supplementing administrative and civil enforcement. Training will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, April 10-12, 2007. For additional information and registration, contact Eunice Sepulveda, Training Services Coordinator, at (602) 542-8511

## **State Water Resources Control Board**

### **Draft Grant Guidelines To States For Implementing The Provision Of The Energy Policy Act Of 2005**

Requiring States To Report On The Compliance Of Government Underground Storage Tanks

(EPA 510-D-07-001, January 2007) is now available on EPA's web site. Go to:

[http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact\\_05.htm#Drafts](http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact_05.htm#Drafts) to view the draft guidelines and obtain details about how and where to submit comments. We will accept comments on the draft guidelines beginning January 23, 2007 for 30 days, ending February 22, 2007.

EPA, in conjunction with states, developed these draft grant guidelines for state underground storage tank programs. After receiving comments, EPA will develop final guidelines and incorporate them in grant agreements between EPA and states. EPA developed the guidelines according to Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which focuses on preventing underground storage tank releases.

### **Enhanced Leak Detection (ELD) Follow-up New Geotracker Tools**

As of the end of January 2007, 10 additional CUPAs/PAs have submitted updates. To save time and effort for everyone, we are reiterating our request for you to check the July 2006 spreadsheets we emailed and update them. That way, we can use the most current data in our future mail outs. If you provide us with information that the site is closed, ELD test results, or the tank owner provides ELD test results, we can skip the RFR process for those sites.

To assist you with this project and other UST program tracking, the State Water Board has added several enhancements to Geotracker. To apply for username and password go to the following link:

<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/password/>. If you are not already signed up as an UST Manager for Geotracker, go to the following link: <http://www.geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov/>

Thanks again to the CUPAs for all of your efforts in this process.

UST Program Contact: Terry Brazell (tbrazell@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5645)

### **Proposed Rulemaking Packages**

In conjunction with Cal/EPA, the SWRCB is working on a rulemaking package to change certain elements of Title 27. Proposed changes to Title 27 include updating all underground storage tank permitting forms. Other proposed changes to Title 27 include updating the tank installation certification and the monitoring plan forms. Report 6 information requirements are being updated and other minor changes to fix inconsistencies in Title 23 are being made.

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### **Updated Matrix of Pipe Monitoring Applications**

On December 5, 2006, the State Water Board issued an updated version of the AB 2481/1702 pipe matrix:

Matrix of Pipe Monitoring Applications: Gravity Flow, Vacuum (V), Pressure (P), and Interstitial Liquid Level Monitoring (ILLM). This version is the latest and most up-to-date. It should replace the all previous versions of the Matrix. Please refer to the following link:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak\\_prevention/matrix.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/matrix.html)

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870).

### **Results of the Secondary Containment Performance Survey**

On February 23, 2003, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program staff sent out a survey to inquire about the frequency of secondary containment failures, the reasons for secondary containment failures, and to acquire information on the pass/fail criteria of the different methods used for testing. Please refer to the following link for the Results of the Secondary Containment Performance Survey:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak\\_prevention/secondary\\_containment/survey.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/secondary_containment/survey.html)

UST Program Contact: John Elkins (jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5668)

### **UST Designated Operators & Installers ICC Certification Renewal Flyer**

Many UST Designated Operators & Installers are quickly approaching the deadline to renew their ICC Certifications. Certain issues have been raised concerning upcoming deadlines, testing requirements, testing centers, process for renewing certifications, and issuance of certification numbers. Please refer to the following link for the outreach flyer which explains some key elements for RENEWAL of UST Designated Operator and Installer ICC certification:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/training/docs/renewal\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/training/docs/renewal_flyer.pdf)

UST Program Contact: Scott Bacon (sbacon@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5873)

### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

#### **Ecological Risk Assessment Process Workshop**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control is sponsoring a **free** ecological risk assessment workshop to be held March 1, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bryon Sher Auditorium, Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California.

#### **Objective**

The purpose of the free workshop is to provide an overview of DTSC's Ecological Risk Assessment Process, including its guidance for performing these assessments. Participants will be introduced to the major elements of the assessment process, including:

- the initial scoping assessment,
- consideration of endangered species,
- the predictive risk assessment,
- the validation study,
- the impact assessment and
- appropriate scientific risk management decision points for each phase.

The workshop will provide an overview of assessing the risks posed by abandoned mine sites as an example of how an ecological risk assessment is performed. Speakers will include eco-toxicologists from DTSC and from the Department of Fish and Game, Oil Spill Prevention and Response.

#### **Who Should Attend**

The workshop is designed for regulatory and hazardous waste site project managers, consultants, and local government officials who are unfamiliar with the process and wish to gain a greater understanding of the ecological risk assessment process and its role in hazardous waste site assessment and remediation.

#### **Training material can be found 2 days prior to workshop at:**

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/index.cfm>

**Hurry! Space is limited.**

#### **Registration**

To register for the training, simply complete the registration information below and email to: Bfields@dtsc.ca.gov or fax to the attention of Marlyn Barragan at (916) 255-3696. Confirmation of registration will be provided.

**NAME: (to appear on name tag)**

**AFFILIATION:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:**

**PHONE:**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

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